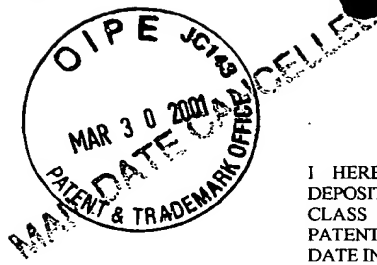


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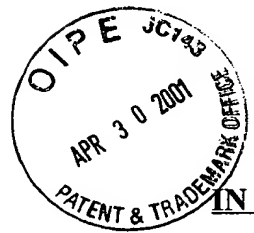
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OF A STOP VALVE, AND A MANUAL )  
OPENING APPARATUS FOR A )  
NORMALLY-CLOSED VALVE )

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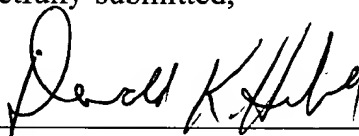
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